Executive Office Conference

POLITICAL OPERATOR
Senator Fem has been yap-yapping.

-What about? Oh never mind. I don’t wanna know.
Just marginalize him.

POLITICAL OPERATOR
Can’t quite. Five guys in his state practically support the national party. He’s their boy.

-That’s okay. As long as he’s theirs exclusively. No more branching out into what he fancies ideas.

POLITICAL OPERATOR
Call him in?

-No, call in young Jenkins.
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-Jenkins!

JENKINS
Sir!

-You’re to take Senator Fem to lunch. It’ll be explained to you what to tell him. And watch your expense account. If it’s free he’ll eat like a pig!”

POLITICAL OPERATOR
And don’t dance with him.

-And I thought all the lightfoots did their thing around the other gang!

POLITICAL OPERATOR
Just ninety-nine percent. Next, problems with judges, ones we appointed.

-I’m not even listening! Independent judiciary is a bulwark of freedom. Totally necessary! Just ask them to be mindful of their constitutional duty. Now translate for Jenkins.

POLITICAL OPERATOR

The President is a militant upholder of the separation of powers among the branches of government. And is acutely...etc etc. Certainly, conflicts can arise, and they must be intelligently discussed.

-Do you agree, Jenkins?

JENKINS
Of course, Sir.

-What a surprise! Let’s pretend that Brooks Brothers suit is a robe and you become the judge now, Jenkins, so that you can be addressed directly.

POLITICAL OPERATOR
Greetings from the President, Your Honor! NOW DO WHAT THE FUCK YOU’VE BEEN TOLD!